

IN THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-8 (Canceled).

9 (Currently Amended). A system comprising:

a first personal-use device that is standalone, portable, and separate from a telephone and ~~another~~ a second personal-use device, the standalone device including ~~[[an]]~~ a first interface to connect said ~~standalone~~ first personal-use device to a telephone line and including ~~another~~ a second interface to connect said ~~standalone~~ first personal-use device to the ~~other~~ second personal-use device, the ~~standalone, portable~~ first personal-use device having:

a processor;

a storage coupled to said processor to store a first database with a plurality of records, each containing a telephone number, a name, and other information; and

an application stored in said storage to enable said processor to, in response to the detection of an incoming call to said telephone, automatically access the telephone number of a second party to an ongoing telephone call, automatically search said first database for a record containing said telephone number, and automatically display a name, telephone number, and other information associated with said record on the ~~standalone, portable~~ first personal-use device, ~~otherwise, if the record is not found in the first database, said application to enable said processor to automatically initiate a search for information relating to said telephone number on a second, remotely located database, and to display information obtained from said second database on said standalone, portable device during the ongoing call, and if information is not found in said second database, said application to enable said processor to automatically initiate a search for the information on a third, remotely located database, said third database other than said second database~~ and, in response to a request received on said first personal-use device, said processor to automatically display on said first personal-use device a predetermined set of extended data associated with said second party.

Claims 10-12 (Canceled).

13 (Previously Presented). The system of claim 9 wherein said storage to store a user preference table that indicates a preferred search hierarchy among a plurality of databases.

14 (Previously Presented). The system of claim 9 wherein said storage to store a sequential listing of telephone numbers of outgoing telephone calls and caller identification information for incoming telephone calls.

Claims 15-22 (Canceled).

23 (Currently Amended). A method comprising:

- receiving in a standalone, battery-powered, and transportable device ~~a search query for information associated with a second party during a telephone call, the device separate from a telephone and a personal computer and separately connectable to a telephone line and the computer~~ first information about a party called by using a telephone coupled to said device;
- ~~obtaining the information from the device if the information is present in the device;~~
- ~~searching at least the personal computer for the information if the information is not present in the device; and~~
- automatically searching for second information associated with the party in response to receiving said first information;
- in response to a request, automatically obtaining predetermined third information about the party from a personal computer coupled to said device; and
- providing the third information to the device from the personal computer to display the information on the device during the telephone call.

Claim 24 (Canceled).

25 (Previously Presented). The method of claim 23, further comprising storing the information in a database of the device.

26 (Previously Presented). The method of claim 25, further comprising storing the information in a record in the database associated with the second party.

27 (Previously Presented). The method of claim 26, further comprising synchronizing the record with a stored record in the computer coupled to the device.

28 (Previously Presented). The method of claim 23, further comprising storing the telephone call in a call history in the device while the telephone call is in progress.

29 (Previously Presented). The method of claim 23, further comprising enabling a user to define a search path for said device to initiate a search of a plurality of remote sources for the information.

30 (Previously Presented). The method of claim 29, wherein the plurality of remote sources includes a remote service provider and the Internet.

Claims 31-37 (Canceled).

38 (Currently Amended). The system of claim 9, further comprising a printer housed in the ~~portable~~ first personal-use device.

39 (Currently Amended). The system of claim 9, wherein the ~~portable~~ first personal-use device is coupled to the ~~other~~ second personal-use device to synchronize data between the first database and a memory of the other personal-use device.

40 (Currently Amended). The system of claim 9, wherein the ~~standalone-portable~~ first personal-use device is wirelessly connectable to the ~~other~~ second personal-use device.

41 (Currently Amended). The system of claim 9, wherein the ~~standalone-portable~~ first personal-use device is directly coupled to a service provider via the telephone line.

42 (Currently Amended). The system of claim 9, wherein the ~~standalone-portable~~ first personal-use device is to be powered independently of the ~~other~~ second personal-use device.

43 (Currently Amended). The system of claim 9, wherein the ~~standalone-portable~~ first personal-use device is to extract the telephone number from the ongoing telephone call.

44 (Previously Presented). The method of claim 23, further comprising powering the device independently from the personal computer.

45 (Previously Presented). The method of claim 23, further comprising extracting the telephone number from the telephone call in the device.

46 (Previously Presented). The method of claim 23, further comprising performing the method while the personal computer is powered down.

47 (Currently Amended). The system of claim 9, wherein the ~~other~~ second personal-use device is a computer.

48 (Currently Amended). The system of claim 9 wherein said ~~portable~~ device is battery powered to enable transport of said first personal-use device while said first personal-use device is in operation.

Claims 49-54 (Canceled).